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DECLASSIFIED BY <u>SP145 JSP/gaf</u> ON <u>7-16-86</u>				
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject presently employed as screen writer by Producer WALTER WANGER. Informants reveal that Subject has raised money for allegedly Communist dominated PEC and Subject will teach weekly course at PEC on "The American Heritage". Subject has been named a member of the Board of Directors of PEC. Movie Actor CHARLES CHAPLIN and Subject spoke at funeral of noted writer THEODORE DREISER, and Informant discloses LAWSON conferred with negro communist councilman BEN DAVIS during DAVIS' stay in Los Angeles. Analysis of bank account set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) DATE 7-16-86</p>				
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent ROBERT W. HOLLMAN, Los Angeles, December 28, 1946.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DECLASSIFIED BY <u>SP145 JSP/gaf</u> ON <u>6-21-85</u></p>				
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Although, according to Source A, the Subject is still interested in writing a screen play based upon an idea suggested by former movie actor LEW AYRES, the Subject has recently accepted a position with WALTER WANGER, where he will first do a rewrite job on the "Merchants of Death". This story, upon which DOROTHY PARKER has also been working, alleges that the cause of war is the Imperialistic impulses of "men in high places". According to Source A, LAWSON is quite anxious to do this story and feels that this type of semi-political economic story is the type for which he is best qualified.</p>				
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SOURCES

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Source B - CNDI LA SSC-4

Source C - CNDI LA-2900 (S)

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